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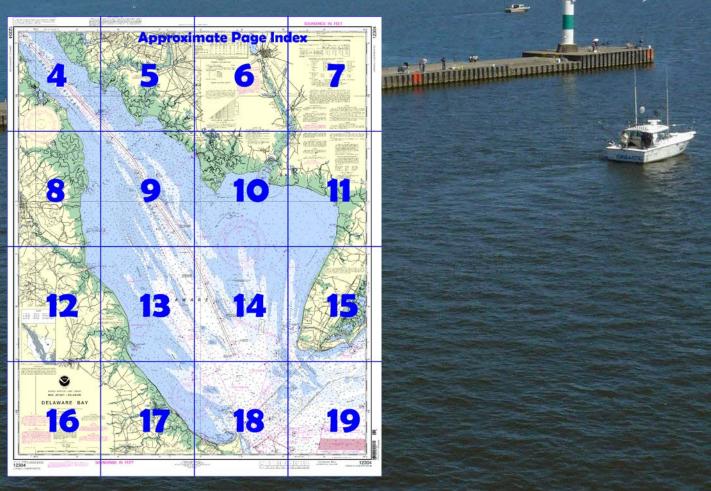
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Delaware BayNOAA Chart 12304

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What is a BookletChart[™]?

This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

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This BookletChart does NOT fulfill chart carriage requirements for regulated commercial vessels under Titles 33 and 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Notice to Mariners Correction Status

This BookletChart has been updated for chart corrections published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Weekly Notice to Mariners, and, where applicable, the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. Additional chart corrections have been made by NOAA in advance of their publication in a Notice to Mariners. The last Notices to Mariners applied to this chart are listed in the Note at the bottom of page 7. Coast Pilot excerpts are not being corrected.

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(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)

Delaware Bay and Delaware River form the boundary between the State of New Jersey on the east and the States of Delaware and Pennsylvania on the west. The bay is an expansion of the lower part of Delaware River; the arbitrary dividing line, 42 miles above the Delaware Capes, extends from Liston Point, Del., to Hope Creek, N.J. Deepdraft vessels use the Atlantic entrance, which is about 10 miles wide between Cape

May on the northeast and Cape Henlopen on the southwest.

Mileages shown in this chapter, such as Mile 0.9E and Mile 12W, are the nautical miles above the Delaware Capes (or "the Capes"), referring to a line from Cape May Light to the tip of Cape Henlopen. The letters N, S, E,

or W, following the numbers, denote by compass points the side of the river where each feature is located.

Cape May is the extensive peninsula on the northeast side of the entrance to Delaware Bay. Cape May Light (38°55'59"N., 74°57'37"W.), 165 feet above the water, is shown from a white tower with a red cupola and two white dwellings nearby on Cape May Point.

The shoals off Cape May are mixed clay and sand and have the consistency of hardpan; the ridges run in approximately the same directions as the currents. Cape May Channel, 1 mile southwest of the cape, is an unmarked passage between shoals, with depths from 2 to 4 feet on either side. The channel is seldom used, and then only by fishing vessels and pleasure craft; local knowledge is required for safe passage. Lower River and Bay.—1. The maximum fresh water draft for river transit from sea to Delair, New Jersey is 40 feet.

- 2. All vessels arriving with a fresh water draft in excess of 37 feet are to transit during flood current only.
- 3. All vessels over Panamax size beam (106 ft) having a fresh water draft in excess of 35′–06" shall only transit during flood current.
- 4. Vessels outbound from Paulsboro, NJ and above, having a fresh water draft of 37 feet and up to 40 feet should arrange to sail 2 hours after low water. Due to the extended time of transit for these particular deep draft vessels, two (2) river pilots will be arranged for transit to sea.
- 5. The maximum salt-water draft for entrance into Delaware Bay and Big Stone Beach anchorage is 55 feet, as per federal regulation. Qualified offshore advisors with portable DGPS units are available upon request from the Pilots' Association for the Bay and River Delaware.
- 6. Safe Under-Keel Clearance (UKC) should be assured for all transits, taking into consideration the vessel's squat and variations of actual tidal levels due to high winds, barometric pressure, and other atmospheric conditions. Actual tidal heights for many points in the Delaware Bay and River can be determined on the NOAA PORTS web site at http://co-ops.nos.noaa.gov/dbports/dbports.html, or by calling 1-866-307-6787 (1-866-30-PORTS).
- 7. Actual tidal levels and currents will vary from predicted heights due to high winds, barometric pressure, and other atmospheric conditions. Actual tidal heights, currents, bridge air gaps, and other data can be determined for many points in the Delaware Bay and River on the NOAA PORTS web site at http://co-ops.nos.noaa.gov/dbports/dbports.html, or by calling 1-866-307-6787 (1-866-30-PORTS).
- 8. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers periodically surveys the bottom conditions of the Delaware Bay and River main channel and anchorages, publishing the results of these surveys at

http://www.nap.usace.army.mil/channel/list.htm.

Vessel Reporting.—It is recommended that vessels report their position and status to the Maritime Exchange over VHF-FM channel 14 in the following situations:

- 1. When anchoring.
- 2. When getting underway.
- 3. When passing through Marcus Hook.
- 4. When entering or exiting the C&D canal.
- 5. When making fast to the dock.
- 6. Tugs operating without a barge are exempt from this recommendation. Tugs with barges are requested to report to the Philadelphia Maritime Exchange when anchoring and leaving all anchorages. It is important to stand by on VHF-FM channels 14 and 16 at all times. And AIS should always be on if the vessel is equipped with it.

U.S. Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center 24 hour Regional Contact for Emergencies

RCC Norfolk Commander

5th CG District (57 Norfolk, VA

(575) 398-6231



FORTESCUE CREEK Controlling depth for centerline is 2 feet from Delaware Bay to Downe Avenue Bridge. Sep 1986

CAUTION - Numerous stakes and

Lighted dredging buoys are not charted as they are frequently moved

CAUTION Unexploded ordnance may exist within an area extending 2.5 miles offshore from Kitts Hummock to Little River.

HEIGHTS

Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

Mercator Projection Scale 1:80,000 at Lat, 39°06

North American Datum of 1983 (World Geodetic System 1984)

SOUNDINGS IN FEET AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

Improved channels shown by broken lines are subject to shoaling, particularly at the edges.

NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS

The NOAA Weather Radio stations listed below provide continuous weather broadcasts.
The reception range is typically 20 to 40 nautical miles from the antenna site, but can be as much as 100 nautical miles for stations a high elevations.

Atlantic City, NJ KHB-38 162.400 MHz KEC-92 WXJ-94 WXK-97 Salisbury, MD Lewes, DE 162.475 MHz 162.550 MHz 162.500 MHz Sudlersville, MD

HORIZONTAL DATUM

The horizontal reference datum of this chart is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which for charting purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84). Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1927 must be corrected an average of 0.407" northward and 1.347" eastward to agree with this chart.

CAUTION

Mariners are warned to stay clear of the proective riprap surrounding navigational light

The prudent mariner will not rely solely or any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

RACING BUOYS

Racing buoys within the limits of this chart are not shown hereon. Information may be obtained from the U.S. Coast Guard District Offices as racing and other private buoys are not all listed in the U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

CAUTION

Temporary changes or defects in aids to navigation are not indicated on this chart. See Local Notice to Mariners.

During some winters.

During some winter months or when endangered by ice, certain aids to navigation are replaced by other types or removed. For details see U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to

Table of Selected Chart Notes

BADAR REFLECTORS

Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

CAUTION

Limitations on the use of radio signals as aids to marine navigation can be found in the U.S. Coast Guard Light Lists and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Publication 117.

Radio direction-finder bearings to commercial broadcasting stations are subject to error and should be used with caution.

Station positions are shown thus: ⊙(Accurate location) o(Approximate location)

AUTHORITIES

Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, Geological Survey, and U.S. Coast Guard,

COHANSEY BIVER

Controlling depths were 5 feet to Fairton; thence 6 feet to approximately 2000 yards south of Bridgeton; thence 1 foot to Bridgeton.

CAUTION

SUBMARINE PIPELINES AND CABLES

Charted submarine pipelines and submarine cables and submarine pipeline and cable areas

Pipeline Area Cable Area

Additional uncharted submarine pipelines and Additional uncharted submarine pipelines and submarine cables may exist within the area of this chart. Not all submarine pipelines and submarine cables are required to be buried, and those that were originally buried may have become exposed. Mariners should use extreme caution when operating vessels in depths of water comparable to their draft in areas where pipelines and cables may exist, and when anchoring dragging or trawling.

anchoring, dragging, or trawling.

Covered wells may be marked by lighted or

MAURICE RIVER

Numerous buoys are not charted because they are frequently shifted in position.

Obstruction reported extending across the eastern half of the river at the shipbuilding company about 5 miles above the mouth.

Numerous uncharted wrecks exist along the banks of the river above Mauricetown.

The controlling depth is reported to be 6 feet from Buckshutem to Millville in 1967.

MISPILLION RIVER

After passing through jetties, the controlling depth was 3 feet to 38°57'00"N, 75°18'46"W.

The controlling depth was 2 feet to the bascule bridge, thence 2 feet to Milford with shoaling to 1 foot at Milford.

Feb 1981 - Aug 1996

Numerous uncharted duck blinds, stakes, piles, gns and pipes, some submerced igns and pipes, some submerged, may exist in the area of this chart

PRECAUTIONARY AREA

Traffic within the PRECAUTIONARY AREA may consist of cruising pilots and vessels making the transition between operating in Delaware Bay and one of the traffic lanes. Mariners are advised to exercise extreme care in navigating within this

DANGER AREA

Area is open to unrestricted surface navigation but all vessels are cautioned neither to anchor, dredge, trawl, lay cables, bottom, nor conduct any other similar type of operation

TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME

One-way traffic lanes overprinted on this chart an RECOMMENDED for use by all vessels traveling between th points involved. They have been designed to aid in the prevention of collisions at the approaches to Delaware Bay, but are not intended in any way to supersede or after the applicable Rules of the Road. Separation zones are intended to separate inbound and outbound traffic and to be free of ship traffic Separation zones should not be used except for co purposes. When crossing traffic lanes and separation zon-

NOTE A

Navigation regulations are published in Chapter 2, U.S Coast Pilot 3. Additions or revisions to Chapter 2 are pubblished in the Notice to Mariners. Information concerning the regulations may be obtained at the Office of the Commander, 6th Coast Guard District in Portsmouth, Virginia or at the Office of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers in

Refer to charted regulation section numbers

HURRICANES AND TROPICAL STORMS

Hurricanes, tropical storms and other major storms may cause considerable damage to marine structures, aids to navigation and moored vessels, resulting in submerged debris in unknown locations.

Charted soundings, channel depths and shoreline may not reflect actual conditions following these storms. Fixed aids to navigation may have been damaged or destroyed. Buoys may have been moved from their charled positions, damaged, sunk, extinguished or otherwise made inoperative. Mariners should not rely upon the position or operation of an aid to navigation. Wrecks and submerged obstructions may have been displaced from charted locations. Pipelines may have become uncovered

Mariners are urged to exercise extreme caution and are requested to report aids to navigation discrepancies and hazards to navigation to the nearest United States Coast Guard

POLITION REPORTS

Report all spills of oil and hazardous substances to the National Response Center via 1-800-424-8802 (toll free), or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility if telephone communication is impossible (33 CFR 153).

CAUTION

BASCULE BRIDGE CLEARANCES

For bascule bridges, whose spans do not open to a full upright o vertical position, unlimited vertical clearance is not available for the entire charted horizontal clearance.

CALITION

FISH TRAP AREAS AND STRUCTURES

Mariners are warned that numerous uncharted duck blinds and

fishing structures, some submerged, may exist in the fish trap areas. Such structures are not charted unless known to be permanent. Regulations to assure clear passage to and through dredged and natural channels, and to established landings, are prescribed by the

Corps of Engineers in the Code of Federal Regulations.

Definite limits of fish trap areas have been established in some areas, and those limits are shown thus:

Where definite limits have not been prescribed, the location of

fishing structures is restricted only by the regulations.

CAUTION

The controlling depth within the Five Fathom Bank inbound traffic lane is 40 feet. The Mariners Advisory Committee recommends that vessels with drafts of 35 feet or greater use the Delaware to Cape Henlopen inbound

traffic lane.

The controlling depth within the Cape Henlopen to Five Fathom Bank outbound traffic lane is 43 feet.

SOURCE DIAGRAM

The outlined areas represent the limits of the most recent hydrographic survey information that has been evaluated for charting. Surveys have been banded in this diagram by date and type of survey. Channels maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are periodically resurveyed and are not shown on this diagram. Refer to Chapter 1, United States Coast Pilot.

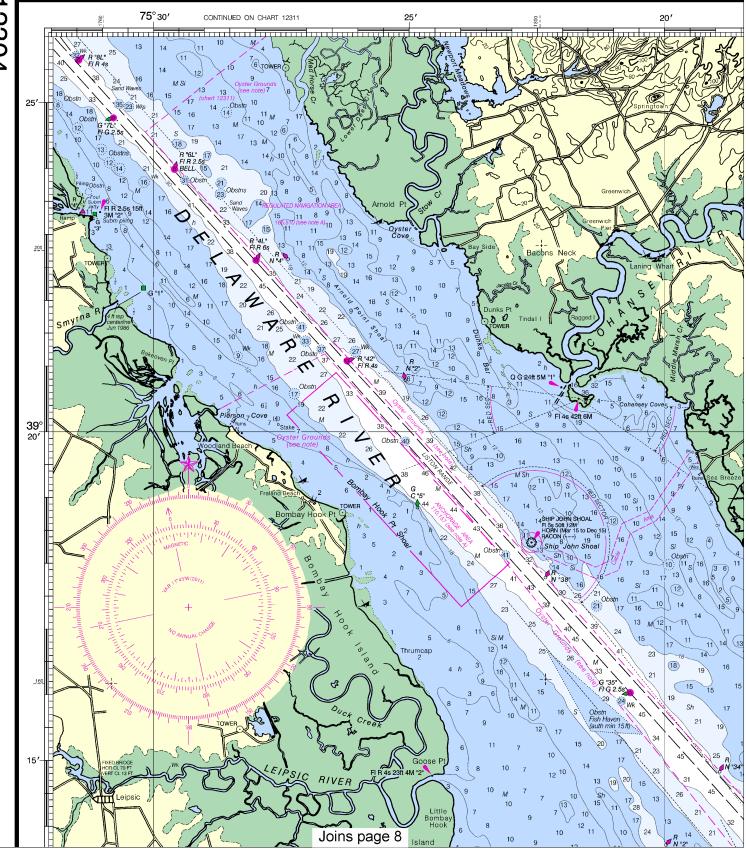
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Regulations for Ocean Dumping Sites are contained in 40 CFR, Parts 220-229.
Additional information concerning the regulations and requirements for use of the sites may be obtained from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). See U.S. Coast Pilots appendix for addresses of EPA offices. Dumping subsequent to the survey dates may have reduced the depths shown.

TIDAL INFORMATION				
PLACE		Height referred to datum of soundings (MLLW)		
NAME	(LAT/LONG)	Mean Higher High Water	Mean High Water	Mean Low Water
Cape May Point Breakwater Harbor Murderkill River Entrance Woodland Beach	(38°57'N/74°58'W) (38°47'N/75°07'W) (39°04'N/75°24'W) (39°20'N/75°28'W)	4.7 5.7	feet 5.0 4.2 5.3 6.1	feet 0.2 0.2 0.1 0.2

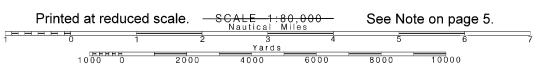
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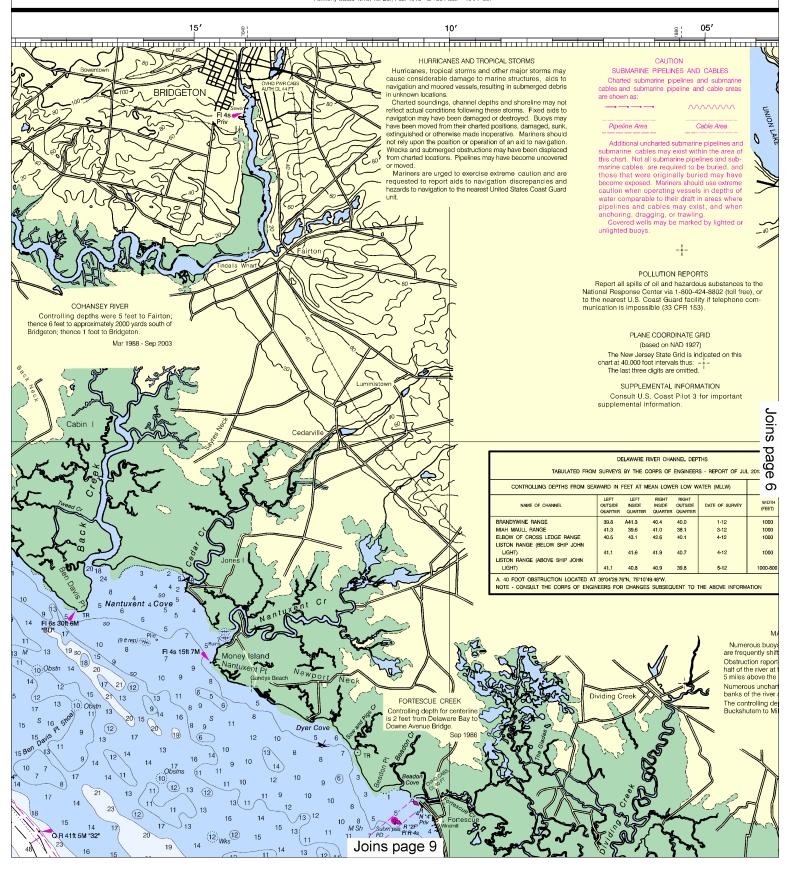
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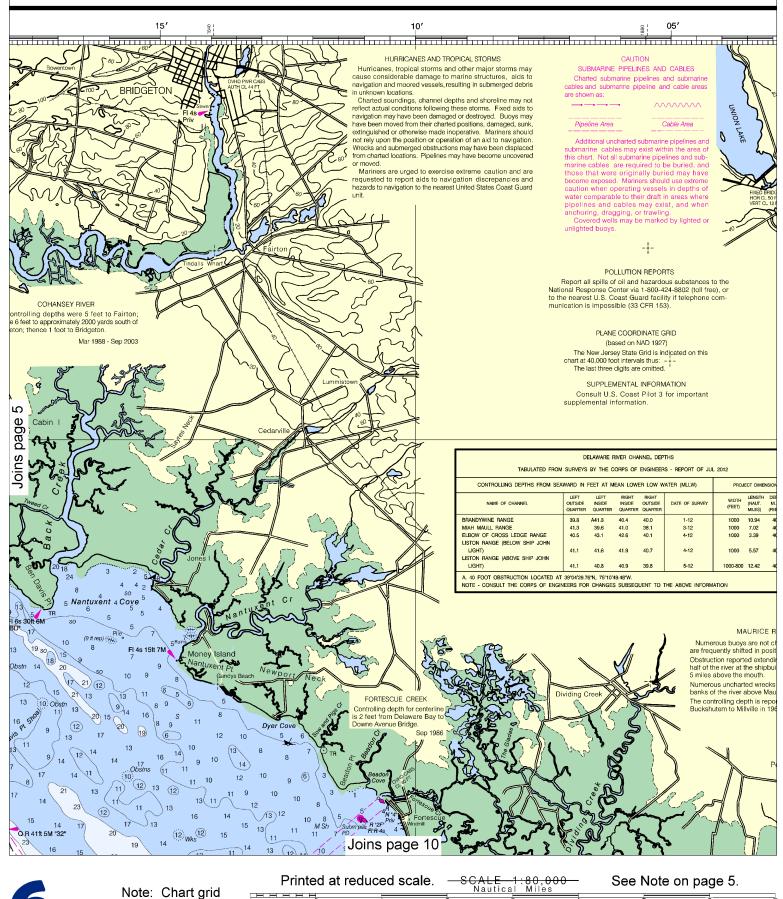








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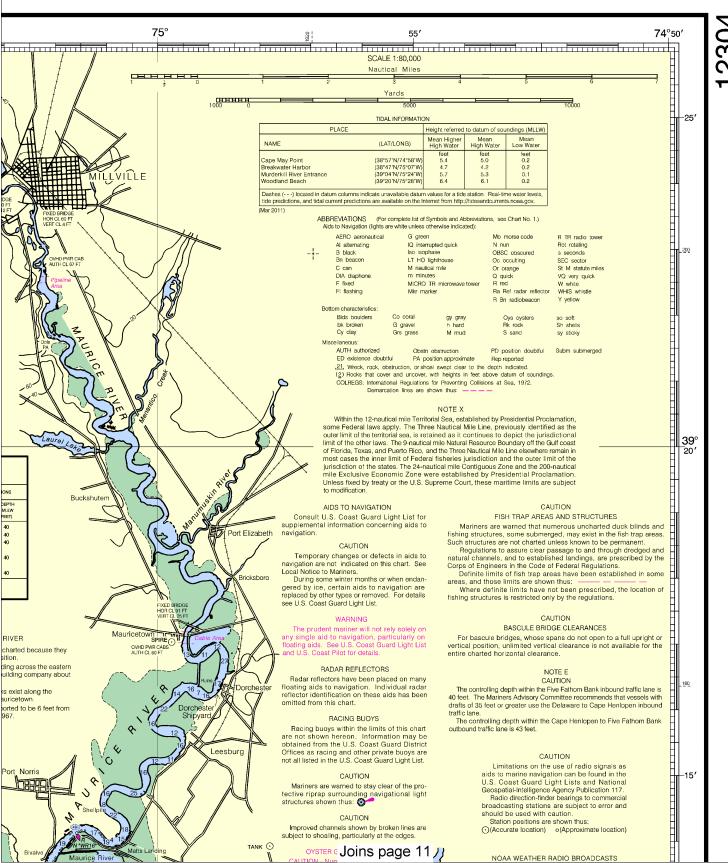
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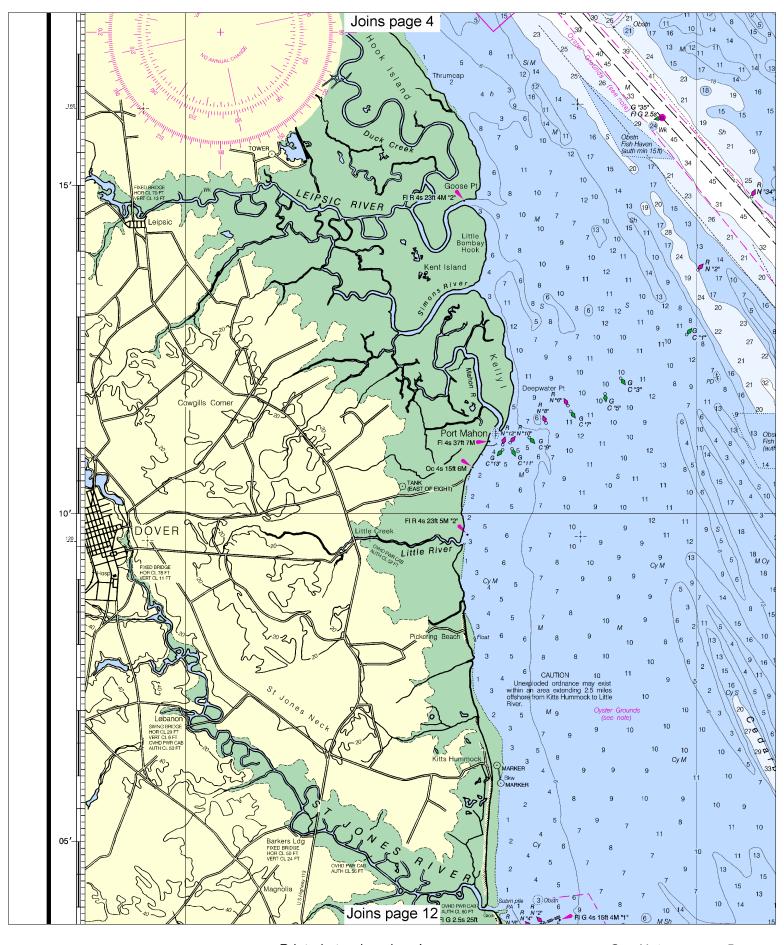
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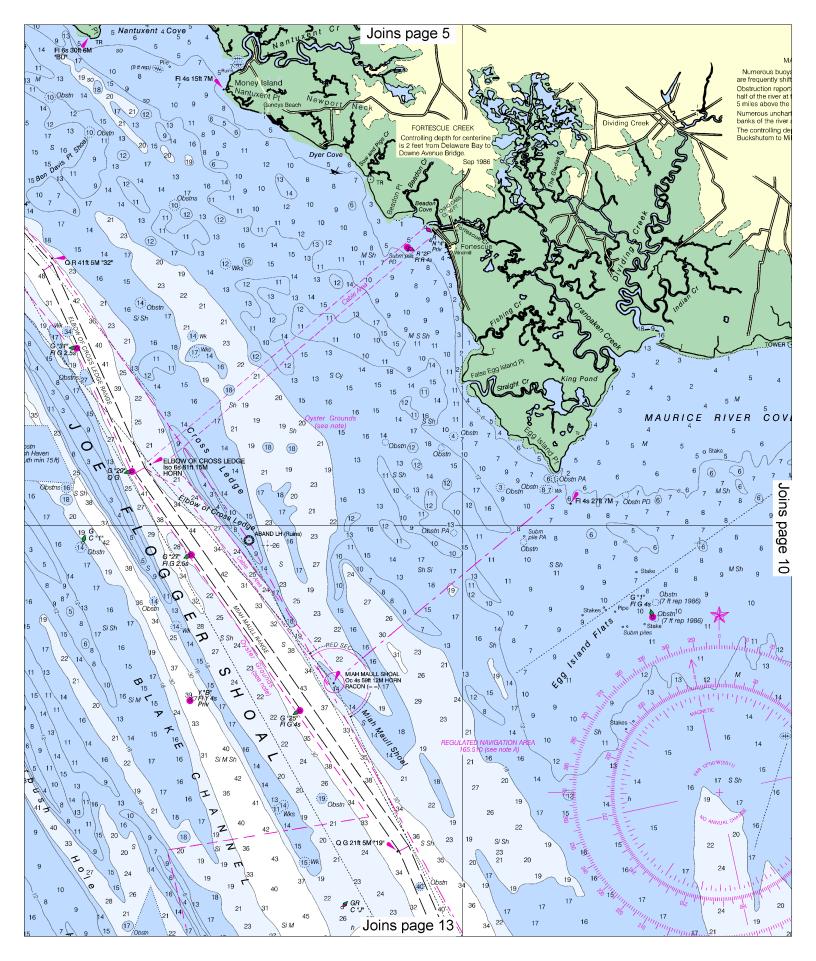
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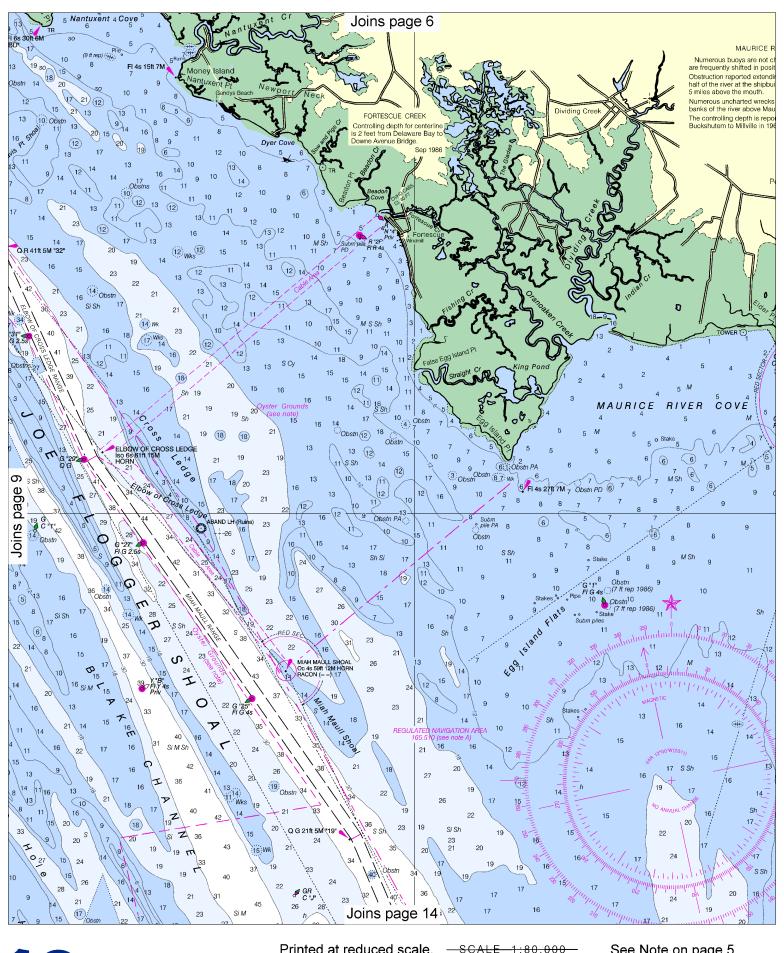


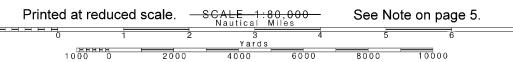


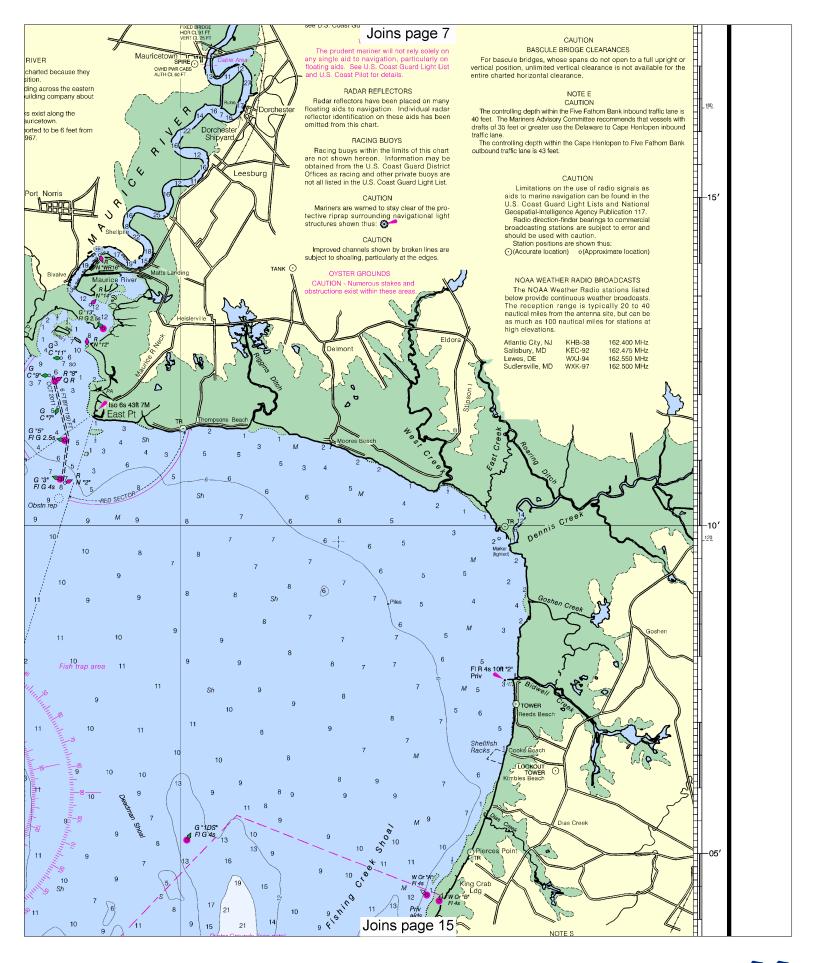




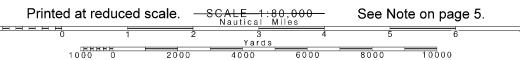


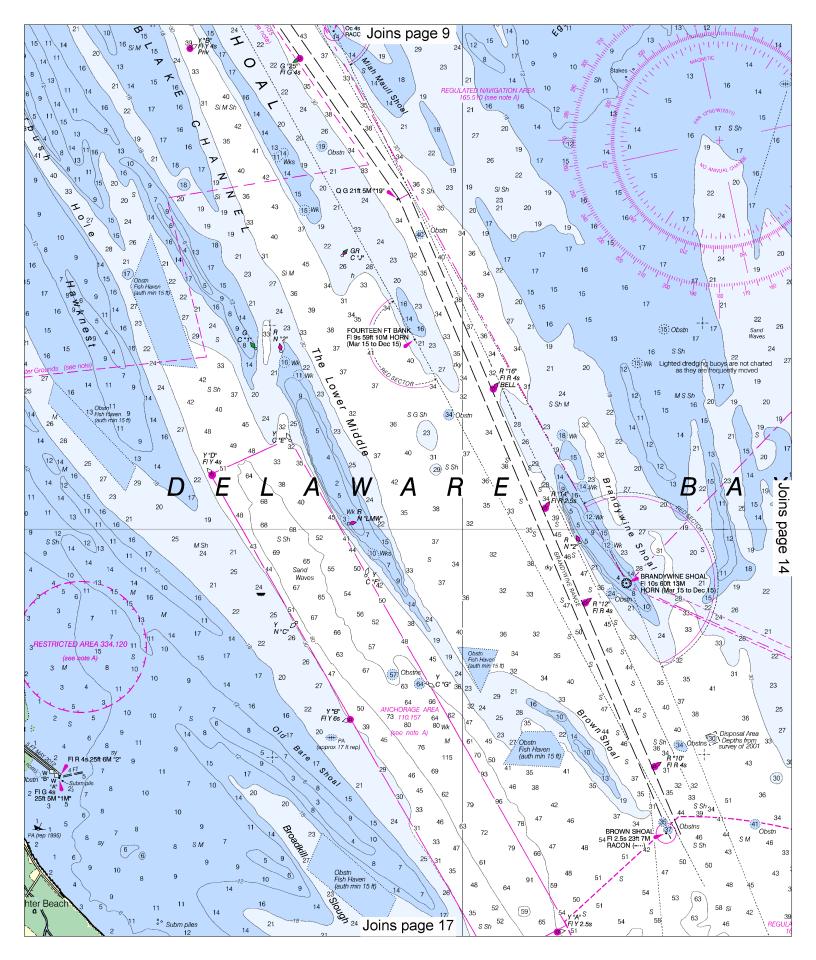


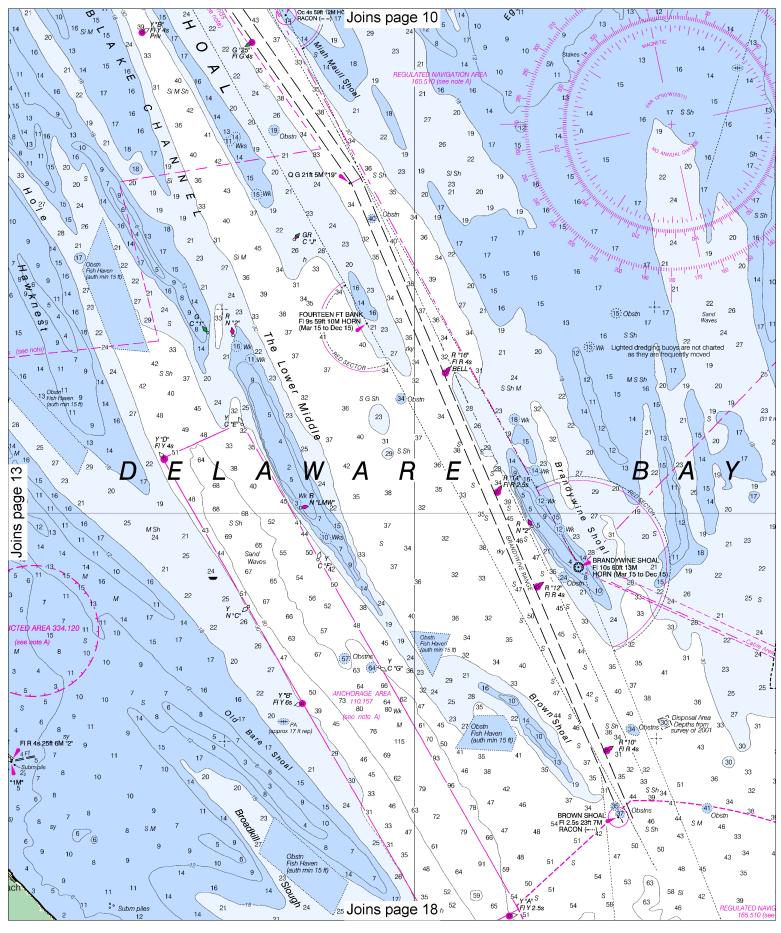




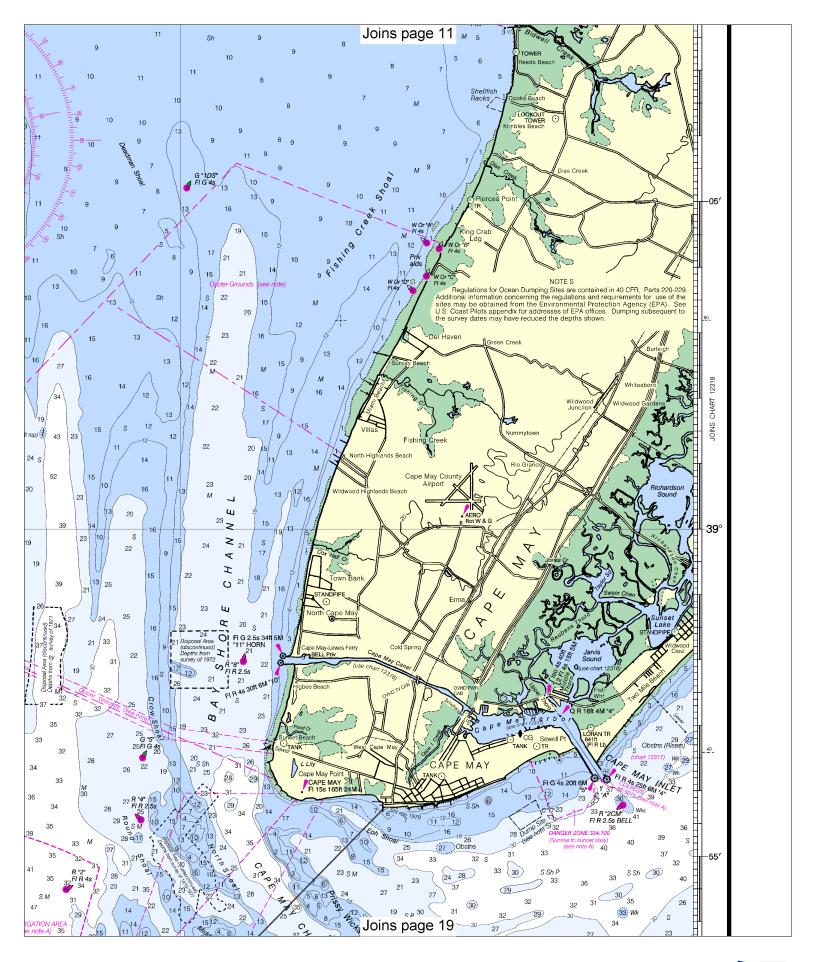


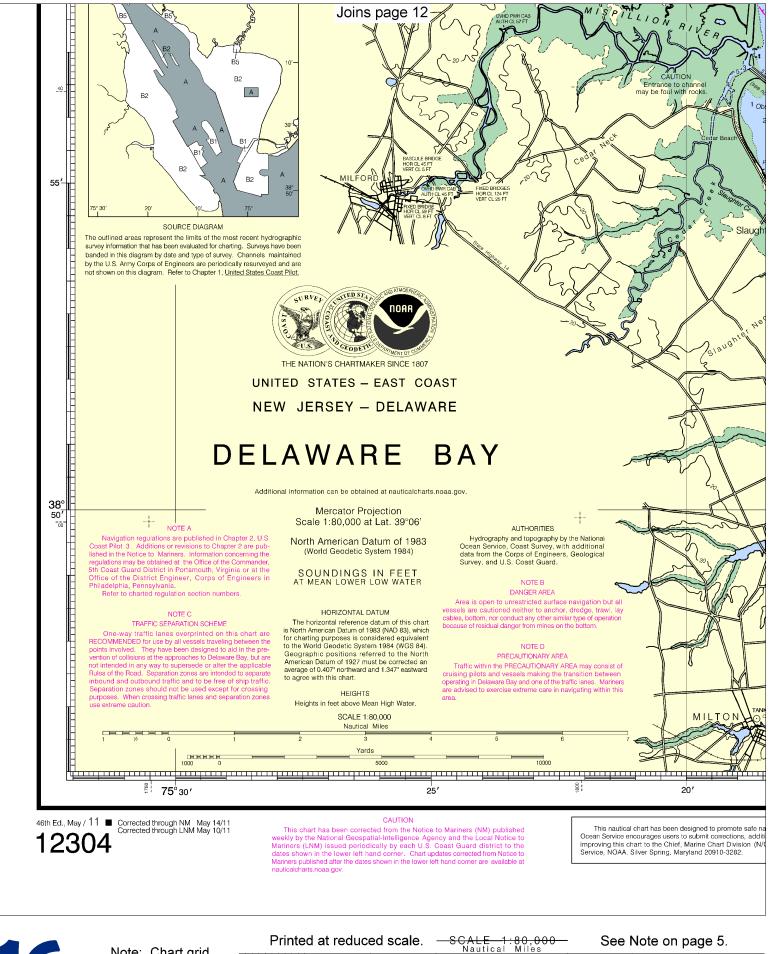


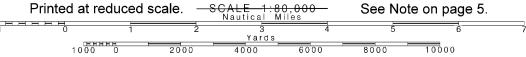


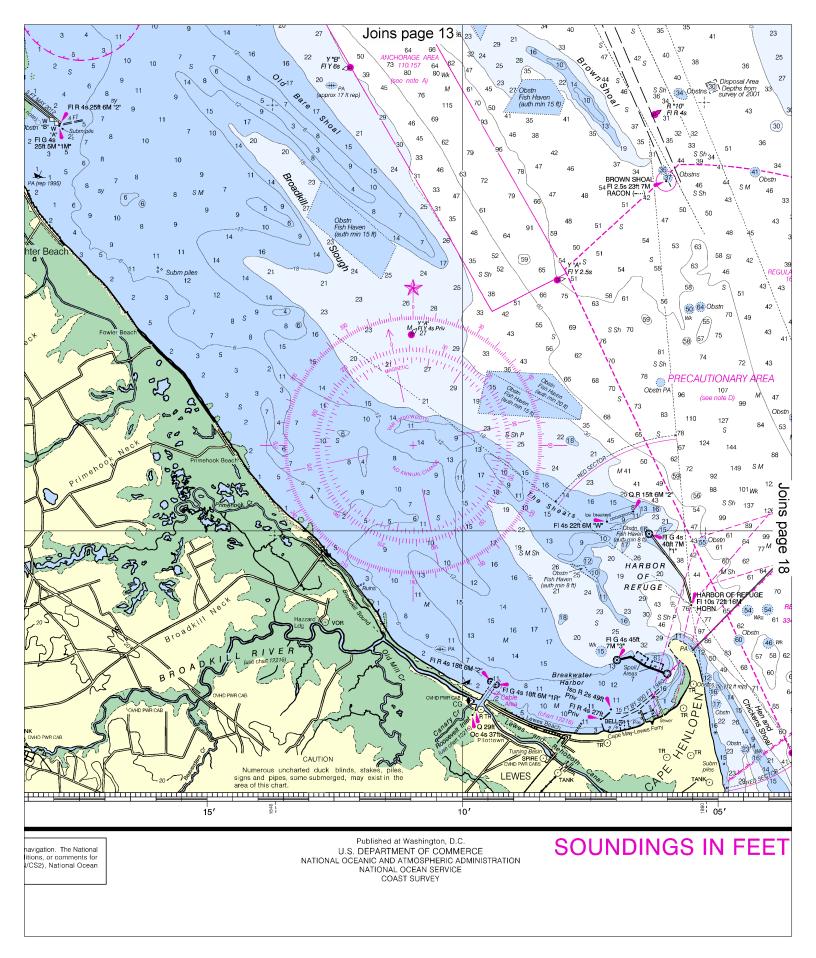


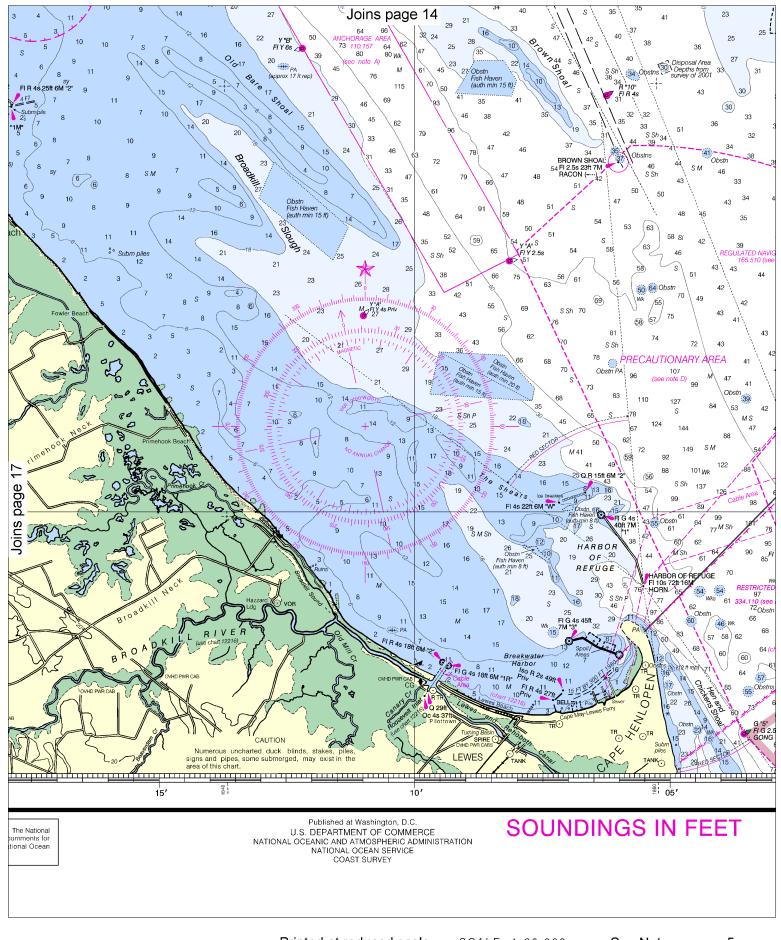




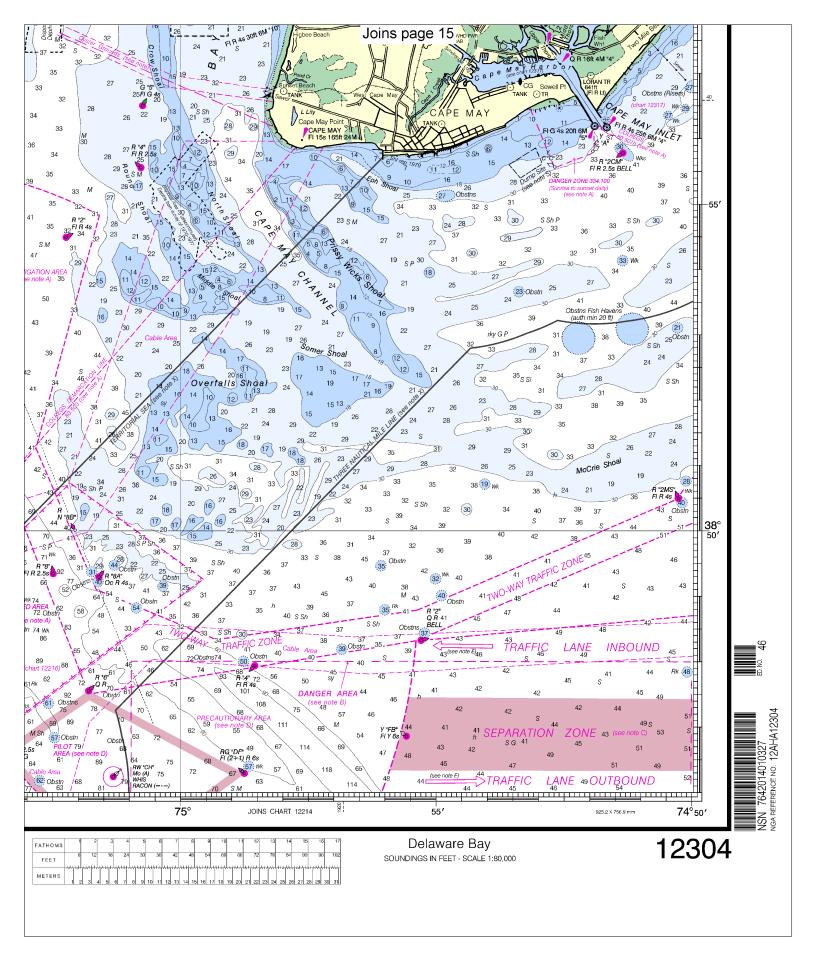














VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

Channel 6 – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other

vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here. Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A – Recreational boat channels.

Getting and Giving Help — Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.

Distress Call Procedures

- Make sure radio is on.
- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of

Emergency; Number of People on Board.

- · Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS!



NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR) is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information directly from the nearest National Weather Service office. NWR broadcasts official Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/

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